

## Message from the League Directors

Welcome back to another great year of ringette! Thank you for making the fastest sport on ice a possibility for all these players to play. Without the commitment from coaches, managers, parents, and countless volunteers, we would not be able to offer players the opportunity to play and compete in the game they love. We look forward to another great year of competition and fair play amongst all levels.

We, Thu Blackwell and Jan Daunhauer are the League Directors for the 2017/18 season and can be reached at [rcleaguedirector@gmail.com](mailto:rcleaguedirector@gmail.com).

**Please read the Coaches Manual.** It is important to the smooth operation of the league that all coaches, assistant coaches and managers read the manual. The answers to the majority of league related questions can be found in it. It is available on the Ringette Calgary website where it will be updated as changes are approved. Any unanswered questions should be directed to the League Directors.

Also, please familiarize yourself with the Ringette Calgary Rules and Regulations. Policies set in place regarding game changes and/or cancellations shall be strictly adhered to. It is your responsibility to know and follow these rules and regulations. This document can also be found on the Ringette Calgary website: <http://ringettecalgary.ca/docs/rulesregs.pdf>

In addition to the Rules and Regulations, please visit the Ringette Alberta website to understand the Player Affiliation Policy, Advance/Retreat Policy along with this year's Provincial Playdowns policies and procedures. Please note that the Provincial Playdowns policies are usually updated in December/January of the current season.

- Ringette Alberta: <http://www.ringettealberta.com/policies/>
- [Player Affiliation Policy](#)
- [Advance/Retreat Policy](#)
- Provincial Playdowns Technical Manuals:  
(The **entire season** will count for provincial playdowns this year and all games will be counted in the placement of teams in playdown pools):
  - [Provincial Technical Manual](#)
  - [U12 – U19 Playdowns Technical Manual](#)
  - [Open Playdowns Technical Manual](#)

Scores and standings for U12 and above will be posted on the Ringette Calgary website. Thank you for sending in your scores in a timely fashion! As in previous years, standings will not be kept in Active Start, U10 Step 1, 2 or 3 divisions. For these divisions, in place of playoffs there will be a year-end Jamboree. **Each quadrant is responsible for providing 2 volunteers to help organize and coordinate these events.** In the event that volunteers are not provided, this event will be run as a year-end friendship tournament with no additional games or activities.

Please make sure to read the message from the League Game Scheduler. Although our first half runs from Oct 2/Oct 10 to Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and our second half starts Dec 1, the reschedules and blocks do **not** align with these dates. All teams will have 1 reschedule in 2017 and 1 block in 2018. Please refer to the message for more details.

Coaches, please be sure you and your coaching staff check your certifications and renew if/when needed. If you have any questions about certifications you may contact VP Technical Bill Graham at [revwampaku@shaw.ca](mailto:revwampaku@shaw.ca)

From all of us at Ringette Calgary, we hope your season is a fun and successful one!

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